# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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STUDY ON CHIKUNGUNYA
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the ICMR has conducted any study on Chikungunya;

(b) if so, whether any mutant variety of either virus causing the disease or vector transmitting the disease has been found; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)to(c) According to Indian Council of Medical Research ( ICMR), a report was received from Kerala Health Authorities in May, 2007 that thousands of people are hospitalized with fever and other symptoms. A team comprising of officials from ICMR, National Vector Bone Diseases Control Programm Division (NVBDCP), Delhi and National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi conducted the survey in the affected areas. The survey showed the seriousness of the problem because of very high aedes indices.The landing collections of the adults conducted in these areas showed the presence of Aedes albopictus. Results have further revealed that the prevalent strain of Chikungunya virus belongs to the Central/East African genotype lineage.